

Filing a complaint

Employees and the public may confidentially report violations of Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Chapter of Code 519 to the Franklin County Board of Health Reporting Line at 614-462-4AIR (4247).

Signage

"No Smoking" signs must be prominently posted and maintained where smoking is prohibited. These signs should be placed specifically at all building entrances.

Additional Information

For further information on Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air regulations, contact the Franklin County Board of Health at 614-462-4AIR(4247). Record a message and your contact information and someone will return your phone call.

For copies of Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Chapter of Code 519, contact the City of Gahanna's Mayor Office at 614-342-4045.

To view Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Chapter of Code and other non-smoking information, visit Gahanna's website at www.gahanna.gov.

This Smoke-Free Indoor Air Information Guide is provided for educational purposes only and should not be relied upon as the definitive authority for the local legislation.

For further information regarding the official version of any part of the City of Gahanna Codified Ordinances, please visit Gahanna's website at www.gahanna.gov or contact Gahanna's City Council Office at 614-342-4090 for copies of the official language.

Smoking Quit Lines

Ohio Tobacco Quit Line 1-800-784-8669
American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345
American Lung Association 1-800-586-4872
Central Ohio Breathing 1-614-457-4570

Online Quit Guides

Smokefree Families

<http://www.smokefreefamilies.org>

American Lung Association

<http://www.lungusa.org/> (Click on Freedom From Smoking)

How to Quit Smoking ... & Quit for Keeps

(The National Institutes of Health)

<http://www.quit-smoking.com/clearingair.htm>

Smokefree.gov

<http://www.smokefree.gov>



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Smoke-Free Gahanna Information Guide

Enforcement of Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Chapter of Code 519 begins on February 21, 2006. Gahanna's new Code prohibits smoking in all public places and places of employment including offices, shops, restaurants and bars.

The Smoke-Free Indoor Air Code was a citizen-driven initiative to ban smoking in public places and places of employment. It was designed to protect Gahanna workers, residents and visitors from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

This *Smoke-Free Information Guide* has been developed to help Gahanna residents, employees and visitors better understand and implement Gahanna's new Smoke-Free Indoor Air regulations.

Secondhand Smoke

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), secondhand smoke is a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar and the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers.

The EPA reports that secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 substances, of which more than 40 are known to cause cancer in humans or animals. Many of the substances in secondhand smoke are also strong irritants.

The EPA estimates that secondhand smoke causes up to 62,000 deaths each year among non-smokers in the United States. Exposure to secondhand smoke is also a primary trigger of asthma.

(Source: <http://www.epa.gov/>)

Smoking Is Not Permitted

In compliance with Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Code, smoking is not permitted in places of employment, public places and city buildings including, but not limited to:

- Bars, restaurants, businesses, private offices, work areas, employee lounges and cafeterias, workplace restrooms and conference areas, garages, company vehicles and warehouses.
- All areas adjacent to entrances and exits of any enclosed area where smoke can migrate back into the enclosed area.

Smoking Is Permitted

In compliance with Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Code, smoking is permitted in:

- Private homes and residences, except those licensed for child care, adult day care, health care or other places of employment with employees.
- Private automobiles.
- Most outdoor patios, which must be separated from the enclosed building. (*An outdoor patio is considered an extension of the enclosed area if migration of smoke into the building can not be prevented.*)
- Retail tobacco businesses in operation prior to the effective date of the ordinance. (*New or relocated tobacco businesses may qualify for exemption if housed in a free-standing structure.*)
- Private clubs that hold a valid D-4 liquor permit and no non-members are present.
- Family-owned and operated businesses in which all employees are related to the owner, are not open to the public and do not affect other places of employment.
- Designated hotel/motel smoking rooms.

Policies

Enforcement

The Franklin County Board of Health is contracted by the City of Gahanna for the provision of health services and will serve as the primary enforcement agency.

The Franklin County Board of Health is supported by the Gahanna Department of Police and Office of the Mayor.

Accountability

Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Chapter of Code 519 defines the responsible party as the proprietor of the establishment in which a smoking violation occurs. (*Proprietor means the owner, manager, operator, liquor permit holder or other in-charge person.*)

Penalties

Upon receipt of the first report that a violation of the Smoke-Free Indoor Air regulations has occurred, the proprietor of a public place or place of employment will receive a warning letter.

If another violation occurs and is reported, it is considered a minor misdemeanor.

Violations of any provision of Gahanna's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Chapter of Code is punishable by a maximum fine of \$150 plus court costs.

The City of Gahanna

Please Observe
Smoke-Free Regulations

A Smoke-Free Community